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## MIGHTY MATTY FALLS BEFORE BAKER'S DRIVE

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happened. The Athletics, intoxicated with the possibilities of victory dawning upon them, were buoyed up to the highest pitch. Every man was determined, and for the remainder of the game the American Leaguers had the Nationals on the go, for the Giants' leader, Mathewson, was losing his grip.

The batting features, of course, were first of all, Baker's drive, then Davis's two singles and a pair by Collins. Barry followed closely behind.

For the Giants, I must say they appear very weak against the Athletics' pitchers, and don't seem to hit with any class. They just simply cannot meet the ball. The twirling is too good for them. The fielding features for the Giants were Doyle's smooth work, the handling of every chance faultlessly by the outfielders, who covered much ground on the hard drives which left the Athletics' bats, and the spectacular play made by Herzog on Murphy's drive. My impression of the Giants' fielding is that under the extreme fire they have shown a tendency to be erratic.

For the Athletics, the outfielders handled every chance with great judgment and precision. Barry made the real feature play of the entire series in going back of second and retiring Fletcher at first by a wonderful stop and throw. The infield play was good with the exception of Collins's very disappointing work. Lapp's throwing was really wonderful. Lapp handled Coombs' shoots in wonderful style, in addition to having true to bases. His rival, Meyers, put up a smooth exhibition in taking care of "Matty's" delivery. Brennan, of the National League staff, gave the decisions behind the plate, with Connolly, of the American League, on the bases. Both had several very close decisions to give, and from the extreme closeness of the game, some of their decisions did not please the fans. That is easily explained, of course, by the tension under which the fans were laboring.

**Criticism of Umpires.**  
Brennan seemed to be weak on balls and strikes, especially the low ones, and his judgment was not as good as the umpires who preceded him behind the plate. Connolly's decisions on the bases were very close, and only he was in the position to correctly judge them. It is hard to umpire from the stands. Play in today's game was for the first time called on the minute, "Matty" for the Giants, stepped gingerly into the center of the diamond and maliciously buried, with that easy movement of his, several balls over the heart of the plate. Lord, the first man to face "Big Six," after swinging hard and fouling a couple, hit easily for a second time. "Matty" made a desperate effort to tap the ball, but missed it. Doyle, covering second, got ground, retired Lord on a close play at first. Oldring then hit hard to Fletcher, who made a nice pickup of a short bound and made a nice throw to Merkle, retiring "Rube." Collins made a cover lot of ground to his right, and it looked as if Eddie's speed was sure to net him a hit. But that all-around ability which stamps "Matty" as the greatest pitcher, without a flaw, enabled him to cover first, and on a perfect throw from Merkle, retire the Mack star for the third out.

Coombs stepped languidly into the pitcher's box and whizzed several over to Lapp, showing superb control. Devore, the first New Yorker to face him, was easy on strikes. Then Doyle hit hard to Davis for an unassisted out at first. Snodgrass could not touch two curves, and then a fast one set him down.

**Christy Hit, but Ineffectively.**  
In the Athletics' second the star hitter of the series, Baker, faced "Matty."



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## REAL STARS OF YESTERDAY'S WONDERFUL BATTLE



CHIEF MEYERS, the star of Gotham's catchers.

He slammed one way over to the left of Doyle. Larry made a beautiful stop and ended Frank at first. Murphy, on the third ball, jerked one toward the left field line which looked good. Herzog leaped out and made a feature catch for the out after Davis hit to deep center it looked as if the Athletics were hitting "Matty" pretty hard.

For New York, Murray came up confidently in the second and hit deep to Lord. Merkle hit straight to Barry who retired the Giant first sacker easily. Herzog made Coombs work rather hard, but fanned on a vicious fast ball, close inside.

**Giants Make First Double.**  
To start the Athletics' third, Barry, who had been easy through this series, and, as I predicted, was a hard hitter who would be heard from, allowed "Matty" to fool him badly on two strikes, and then ripped one to left, and by fast work of Devore, was held to first. With Lapp at the bat, the Mackmen caught Meyers off his guard, with no one out, by hitting and running. Lapp missed the pitch, but Meyers threw high to second, with Fletcher covering, and Barry was safe and credited with a clean steal. Then Lapp smashed a hard liner to Doyle, Larry speared the ball and tossed it. Fletcher before Barry could return to second, making the first double play of the 1911 series.

Coombs made Mathewson work hard to retire him, and with three balls and no strikes, "Big Six" showed his wonderful control by causing two over, splitting the plate time after time, only to have Jack foul it until he finally lifted a short fly to Doyle back of second.

**Meyers Singles and Scores.**  
Fletcher, the Giants' shortstop, who finds it pretty hard to hit in this series, not having introduced a hit so far, lined hard direct to Murphy on right. Meyers hit a hard one off Baker's shins for a single. Then the helpful "Matty" strode up and immediately shot a safe one into right, sending Meyers to third. The New York rooters went wild. With this state of affairs facing him, Devore, who was the batter, slammed a hard one straight to Barry, who fumbled in trying to make a fast double play to keep the run from going over the plate, but saved himself an error by quickly retrieving the ball and forcing Matty at second. Meyers scored amidst wild shouts of cheer. On the first ball pitched Devore attempted to steal second. Lapp made a sensational play, when he leaped high behind Doyle, the batsman, and threw directly over Larry's head, catching him over at second. The ball shot right into Barry's hands.

**Collins' Speed Counts.**  
Lord was first up for the Athletics in the fourth, and opened with a long drive to deep right center. Snodgrass covering lots of ground to make the catch. Oldring popped easy to



JACK COOMBS, Whose pitching won for Mack.



FRANK BAKER, Whose home run tied score.



MATHEWSON, who met defeat.

players by his gibes, which seemed to unnerv Coombs. The New Yorker was walked on four bad ones. Murray sacrificed perfectly, and on a short passed ball, Snodgrass not taking advantage of the opening in time, tried to reach third. Lapp made a quick play with a low bad throw, was saved by Baker who reached far out and low near the ground, got the ball and put it on "Snod" as he literally leaped high into the air and made a savage attack on the Mackman. Baker only received a slight cut on the arm. Merkle was then walked, but when he attempted to steal, Lapp threw like a rifle shot to Collins, who tagged the Giant beautifully on a very close play. The Giants kicked strenuously.

**End of Game.**

Then the eventful eleventh saw Oldring out, from Herzog to Merkle, on a very fast play. Collins lined the first ball pitched over Fletcher's head for a single. Baker, the hero of these two last games, swung hard and hit a slow ball to Herzog. Frank slid into first and was safe, the play being so close that Merkle fumbled and the ball rolled away. Eddie getting to third, and Frank a safe hit. Murphy hit easily to Fletcher, and the young shortstop errored, making Matty's wonderful work count for naught. Collins scored and Baker reached third. Davis soured a low wicked line drive between first and second to right field, tallying Baker. Murphy attempted to reach third, but a beautiful and accurate throw from Murray to Herzog got him by many feet. With Barry up, Davis was out stealing second on a beautiful throw by Meyers.

Herzog was first up for the eleventh, and showed that the Giants were lighters by hitting a hard line drive to left for two sacks. Fletcher helped Coombs out by swinging at bad ones above his head, and finally flying high to Lord. Meyers came up, with Herzog waiting at second to be scored, and put a terrible drive into the bleachers. But it was foul by a few feet.

Then when he drove hard ground ball at Collins, the Mack second sacker, fumbled badly, but recovered quickly and retired the Indian at first, Herzog reaching third. McGraw used good judgment in sending Becker, a fast man, up to bat for Mathewson. On the first ball pitched he hit to the right, but he was called out, while Collins's left, Eddie, made a beautiful play, but he booted badly. Herzog scoring. With Devore up, Becker tried to steal and Lapp cut him down at second by another perfect throw.

**Looks Like Bender and Ames.**  
My prediction for the pitchers tomorrow is Bender and Ames. Thomas and Meyers will probably be the Athletics' have the superior team, and that they have now adjusted themselves to the Giants' style of play, and if they should win the series the scores will be much larger than they have been in the preceding games. For, when the American League champion hitters get started, some one will find it a hard job to stop them. They seem to be superior in every way at fast, hard swing, always making the ball fairly, very few striking out, while on the other hand, the Giants, as a whole, don't seem to have the natural hitter's stride and have not as yet been meeting the ball in approved fashion. They don't seem to have the confidence, and far many more times than the Athletics.

One thing I noticed about the Giants'

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play is that after a man reaches first, the batter, after every ball pitched, looks to McGraw for instructions. They seem to rely wholly upon this wonderful leader. Without Matty in the box, I don't believe the Giants are anywhere near the Athletics, and as to-day they won from "Matty," I think I am safe in predicting that the Athletics will be easy winners from now on. Of course, a "dark horse" pitcher is likely to cause them trouble.

**Pitchers All Shine.**  
This series is so far the best pitched series which has ever been played. Each club has seemed to know that it is useless to wait the opposing pitcher out and is being invariably hitting at the first ball, which is something different from the battles of the past for the world's championship. With the exception of the last inning of today's game, these games have been perfectly played and devoid of hard hitting chances. There have been no wild throws, everything going off like clockwork and outside of the pitchers' work, none have been very interesting.

The Athletics' base-running in the eighth to-day when Barry and Lapp were caught at the plate, was very poor judgment, but it seemed to me that they realized that with Matty in the box, they were up against such a tough proposition that when they got so near scoring they simply lost their bearings with the realization that they held the upper hand. The Giants' players taking advantage of the Athletics' slips, was beautiful to witness. They made each slip count very dearly against the American Leaguers.

To sum it all up, the Athletics' stealthily lurking attack wore down "Matty," but the Giants did not make enough runs for them to take it easy. In the last innings they had "Big Six" curving every ball. The game went to the Athletics to-day through Fletcher's misfortune and the Athletics' offensive play.

## LAYERS UPSET BY HILARIOUS

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Laurel, Md., October 17.—The mile handicap at Laurel to-day resulted in a big betting upset. It brought out James R. Keene's Hilarius. On his race of last week he was made a one to two favorite, but after leading for a half-mile to-day, he sulks and finished in the rack. The race went to Cliff Edge, the second choice in the betting, and well played by the public. Summaries:

First race—purse \$400, two-year-olds, five and a half furlongs—Kris-mas Daisy (8 to 1) first, True Blue (13 to 5) second, Fernmore (4 to 1) third. Time, 1:08 2-5.

Second race—purse \$400, three-year-olds and up, five and a half furlongs—Richard Red (5 to 3) first, Elizabeth Harwood (11 to 2) second, Smirk (5 to 3) third. Time, 1:08 2-5.

Third race—purse \$400, three-year-olds and up, mile and seventy yards—Dolly Bullman (4 to 1) first, Mollie S. (2 to 1) second, Montague (even) third. Time, 1:45.

Fourth race—purse \$500, three-year-olds and up, one mile—Cliff Edge (5 to 1) first, Lawton Wiggins (2 to 1) and out) second, Star Charter (7 to 1) and out) third. Time, 1:39 1-5.

Fifth race—purse \$500, three-year-olds and up, mile and seventy yards—Clem Beachey (20 to 1) first, Lord Wells (2 to 1) second, Rash (3 to 5) third. Time, 1:44 3-5.

Sixth race—purse \$500, three-year-olds and up, mile and a sixteenth—Husky Lad (3 to 1) first, Michael Angelo (3 to 1, even) second, My Gal (11 to 10) and out) third. Time, 1:59 1-5.

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Lord, lf.....	5	0	0	5	0	0	Devore, lf.....	4	0	0	0	0	0
Oldring, cf...	5	0	0	0	0	0	Doyle, 2b.....	4	0	0	5	5	0
Collins, 2b...	5	1	2	5	4	2	Snodgrass, cf..	3	0	0	3	0	0
Baker, 3b...	5	2	2	2	1	0	Murray, rf.....	2	0	0	2	1	0
Murphy, rf....	5	0	0	2	0	0	Merkle, lb.....	3	0	0	11	1	0
Davis, lb.....	5	0	2	10	0	0	Herzog, 3b....	3	1	1	4	3	3
Barry, ss.....	3	0	2	1	4	0	Fletcher, ss....	4	0	0	3	4	2
Lapp, c.....	4	0	1	8	6	0	Meyers, c.....	4	1	1	4	4	0
Coombs, p...	4	0	0	0	1	0	xBecker .....	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	41	3	9	33	16	2	Totals.....	31	2	3	33	22	5

xBatted for Mathewson in eleventh inning.

Score by innings:													
Athletics	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Summary: Two-base hits—Barry, Herzog. Home run—Baker. Sacrifice hits—Barry, Murray. Stolen bases—Barry, Collins. Double plays—Doyle and Fletcher. Left on bases—Philadelphia, 6; New York, 1. First base on balls—Off Coombs, 4. First base on errors—Philadelphia, 3; New York, 1. Struck out—By Coombs, 7; by Mathewson, 3. Time, 2:17. Umpires—At the plate, Brennan; on the bases, Connolly; left field, Klem; right field, Dineen.

Fletcher. Then Collins showed his speed on a ball he hit near third base, which Herzog hustled on, but Eddie gained a hit by getting the decision at first. Eddie stole second on the first ball pitched, although Meyers made a perfect throw to Fletcher. When Baker hit "Matty" in the hole, he bounded high to the pitcher's right. The big hurler leaped way out, pulled it down and made an easy throw to first for the third out.

Doyle was out on an easy tap to Collins, he being the first Giant in the fourth to face Coombs. Snodgrass hit the first ball pitched deep to Lord. Murray also was out on a high fly to Murphy.

**Murphy Caught at Plate.**  
Murphy faced "Matty" to begin the Mack fifth, and hit hard to Herzog, and the ball was booted. Davis, the first sacker, soured a terrific line ball, which hit Connolly on the ankle, doing the Athletics much damage, as "Danny" would have reached third easily. Of course, he had to stop at second. Barry laid down a perfect sacrifice, and with Lapp up, it looked good, but Jack fell victim to Mathewson's wonderful curves and headwork, hitting easily to the pitcher, who tossed to Meyers, stopping Murphy, who turned back to third. Herzog received the ball, and chased Murphy all the way. Danny made a desperate slide, but it was not more desperate than that of Herzog's after the Mack out-leader, and he was declared out amidst deafening applause from the Giants' well wishers. "Matty" continued his wonderful work, and made Coombs pop easily to Fletcher for the third out.

Merkle advanced to the plate for the Giants, and hit a terrific smash out to the left field bleachers. Lord, standing with his back almost against the wall, pulled it down. Herzog went down. Lapp made a high fast throw to Collins, too late to tag the Giant coming in, but the speedy third sacker slid over the bag, and the watchful Collins tagged him out. Fletcher, as usual, was an easy out.

**Oldring Hires.**  
Lord faced "Matty" at the beginning of the sixth. He hit awfully hard on a deep line drive to Murray's waiting hands. It was the hardest hit of the day up to this time. Oldring was easy for "Matty" on those deadly drop curves, and was the first strike-out victim for Christy. Collins then drove a high liner to Snodgrass. Meyers faced Coombs for the sixth, and when Brennan put Jack in a hole, Meyers helped the pitcher out by going after a high one, and with the count three and two, he lifted a high foul near the Athletics' bench, which Lapp got. Mathewson was an easy out on a pop fly to Collins. Devore, with three and two on him, hit an easy chance to Baker, and was out at first.

"Matty" here seemed to realize that Frank was a very dangerous man. With two strikes on him, he pulled one from the outside of the plate to right, close to the wall. Murray caught it. Murphy was easy on a pop fly to Doyle. Davis struck out on bad ones outside, "Matty" showing wonderful ability.

With Doyle up in the Giants' part of the seventh, Collins threw Larry out at first after the Giant swung wildly at two. Snodgrass, after attempting to bunt, was easily out on two strikes, looking madly at Coombs's curves. Murray, by standing close to the plate, with two out, showed that he was going to try to pull one into the right field bleachers. Lapp signed for three curves to keep "Red" from pulling, every one being outside, and Murray walked on the fourth, a high fast one. He immediately broke for second, and jumping very high to Collins, knocked the ball from Eddie's hands and was safe. Lapp's throw was again perfect. Merkle hit over to Collins's right, the second sacker making a swell pickup and retiring the runner at first.

**Barry Gets to Third.**  
Barry smashed one of "Matty's" curves to left for a two-bagger to open the eighth. Lapp hit to Fletcher's right, who made a mistake by not making a play to third for Barry. Lapp reached first ahead of the heave. It looked very gloomy at this time for Mathewson, with a man on third and

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